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## THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York Saturday Government bonds were quoted at 123% for 1867; 113% for 4% stocks; 84 2/3% for 8%; silver bars, \$100.

Silver in London, 49 1/2; consols, 100 1/2; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105; 45, 125 1/2; 46, 117.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 85 1/2@87 cents.

Mining stocks were let go freely in San Francisco, Saturday, at which time the world's leading mining stocks were also let go for Friday, though in some cases they were 50 to 20 higher. The Union Consolidated assessment of 400,000,000, on raising the value to 80.

In the races at Oakland Park Saturday the favorites were beaten in two of the three contests.

The State Agricultural Convention adjourned Saturday at San Francisco Saturday.

The Irrigation Convention, in session last week at Fresno, closed its labors Saturday, and adjourned.

A passenger train was robbed by masked men near Little Rock, Ark., Saturday night.

The Washington monument was finally completed Saturday.

A man is charged at Dartmouth, O., with having been a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

A violinist eight years old plays Friday evening near McKeesport, Pa.

A bank cashier at Monmouth, Ill., has been indicted for embezzlement.

Several lives were lost in a storm in western Pennsylvania Saturday.

Reductions of wages continue throughout the State.

The Hawaiian treaty was signed in Washington Saturday.

It is thought the telegraphers of the country will try conclusions again with the Western Union within the next three months.

The Plenary Council closed its labors at Baltimore yesterday.

Cowboys of Texas are sending money to the Chinese striking miners of Hocking Valley, Ohio.

The franchise bill has received Royal assent.

It seems that El Mahdi is not dead, as at last accounts he was within three hours' march of Khartoum.

The household and officers of the King of Tahiti, Africa, have been blown up with gunpowder.

W. H. Small was fatally injured by a train at Yankton, W. T., dying soon after.

The San Jose Mercury and Times are to be consolidated Christmas.

Valjeo authorities are making a vigorous crusade against slot-machine poker.

The new bridge across the Feather river near Redding is open for travel.

David M. Madsen committed suicide Saturday morning.

The Republicans and Democrats of Stockton nominated candidates for city officers Saturday night.

The Mormons are looking for a new location in Sonora, Mexico.

C. L. Larson tried to kill himself at Phoenix, Ariz., with a friend on Saturday.

Ursa M. French has been found guilty at Session of the court in the first degree, the jury not fixing the penalty.

Joseph O. Harris was struck on the head with a wagon spoke at Daggett Saturday night, and killed.

A heavy north wind prevailed throughout the State yesterday, Saturday, and in some localities caused a great deal of damage.

A three-year-old boy was lost near Yreka Saturday, and yesterday was found in the road frozen to death.

A post box was found recently on the coast of Lower California valued at \$17,000.

The French flag will be hoisted in Guaymas, Mexico, to-day, for the first time since Maximilian's fall.

A man was burned near Roncaville, Placer county, yesterday, three valuable horses perishing in the flames.

Oscar Kauffman Harris, a prominent Washington journalist, died in that city yesterday.

A four-year-old boy was run over by a wagon and killed, yesterday, in Tucson, Ariz.

The centenary of Methodism begins in Baltimore on Monday, and continues until the 16th instant.

She played in Wise county, Virginia, is said to be the decrease.

It is reported in Washington that President Arthur has decided not to be a candidate for election to the Senate from New York.

## THE FIRST MEETING.

The new State Board of Education, elected by the adoption by a practically unanimous vote at the late general election of a constitutional amendment, is to assemble for consultation at the Capitol to-morrow. It must not be assumed that because the amendment was adopted that there was an end of the contest relative to the text-books. In fact, we believe the struggle has just begun in which this people must free themselves from the clutches of the school-book syndicate of the East, the vicious secret purposes and methods of which this journal some time ago thoroughly exposed. It was then shown that there is no real competition between Eastern publishers for supplying California schools with text-books. The syndicate formed embraces twenty of the most powerful book firms in the world, and wield an immense influence among local publishers and with educators, to say nothing of its relation to the professional politicians. Prior to the election we announced our belief, and stated some facts upon which it is based, that if the people adopted the school-book amendment, vigorous efforts would be made in two directions; to have the adoption judicially declared void; or to prevent or delay the necessary legislation to carry the constitutional amendment into effect. Both these efforts may be looked for at an early date. When they are put forth the people will know the animating source, no matter what men are made the apparent agents for the defeat of the expressed will of the people. The public are justified in looking to the new Board of Education to stand the friend of the amendment. Indeed, it cannot do otherwise. These officials are chosen specifically to carry out a certain policy, and they are not the men we take it to prove untrue to such a trait once assumed, no matter what may be their personal views, though we believe them to be friendly to the new system. Premising then, that the Board will report to the Legislature through the Governor, or directly through the Superintendent of Public Instruction, just what legislation is needed the duty of the people will be to see to it that their representatives in the Legislature faithfully carry out the expressed will of the voters. The new system should be given a patient and a thorough trial. One of the means, we are aware, to be used to defeat the policy will be the raising of a howl about economy—at attempted cutting down of the appropriation to such a small figure that nothing practical can be accomplished. By this means it is hoped, by certain of the press and the agents of the book rings, to disgust the people, and induce them to return to the old system. Unfortunately for California, the Constitution can be very easily amended.

The stability of the new school-book policy will therefore largely depend upon the manner in which it is administered by the State Board of Education in its first days. That Board should not be niggard in asking for means. The people of this State very clearly understood that to set up the new system would cost much money. They were told that by the enemies of the measure, with annoying iteration. The friends of the new scheme admitted that it would cost round about at first, but practically nothing after a time. The people, therefore, voted for the amendment with a perfect knowledge of the large cost of the experiment. Hence there need be no hesitancy on the part of the Board in asking or the Legislature in giving the amount needed. There should be very liberal premiums for the submission, after sufficient time, of the manuscript of works to be adopted. We must address the very best talents and make it worth the while of the most approved mathematicians, geographers, literary scholars and educators to enter into competition for our prizes. By paying a good price, we will get a good article, and there is no reason why California cannot procure the best talent to prepare text-books for her. She has the world of scholarship and intelligence before her. The literature of all the earth is at her command. She can buy what she wants if she will pay a good price. There must be a liberal appropriation also for designing, engraving and map-making. But there are few fields of either intellectual or merely manual labor, broader, or fuller of those who are more ready to serve us. But if it shall cost the State \$150,000 the coming year, that will but by a little exceed the net profits annually harvested by Eastern publishers in California from the pockets of the people. In two years time we will, therefore, not only have paid the cost—on that basis—but have cut off from our political contests, driven out from our school boards, and banished from the State the corrupting influences that have so largely dominated school interests in this commonwealth!

## THE NICARAGUA TREATY.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.—Three measures of importance are mentioned as likely to come up this week for discussion in the Senate. On Monday Senator Slater intends to call up the Homestead bill, to declare the forfeiture of certain lands granted in aid of the construction of a certain railroad in Oregon, known as the Oregon and California Railroad bill. On Tuesday, the bill to establish a national forest in the Northern Rocky mountains until the 16th instant.

## SEVERE STORM THROUGHOUT THE EAST.

NEW YORK, December 8th.—A. M.—The storm throughout the East yesterday was very severe, with an inch of rain falling. Trees, church steeples, windows, etc., suffered.

## WITNESS DISPOSED OF.

GALENA (Kans.), December 7th.—John Puckett, to-day shot and killed William Allen, the leading witness in the approaching trial of his brother, George Puckett, for the murder of a man named Briggs as a State. This measure is expected to give rise to considerable discussion, which will probably be of a political character. On Thursday, December 12th, if possible, the bill to intercede commerce will be introduced. It is probable that the regular order will be temporarily laid aside early in the week, to give Senator Pomeroy an opportunity to introduce his bill, which will amend the bill.

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